



Welcome to SACA Class of 2017

St Andrew's said farewell to the Class of 2017 and SACA welcomed them as our newest members. At their Vale-dictory Evening at the College SACA President Paul McClatchie presented this year's winners, Marc Cobuzzi and Sophie Carr, with the 2017 Alumni Trophies.

On their last day of school Paul McClatchie also came to school to present them with a t-shirt marking the occasion and welcoming them to SACA. Olivia Thornton (seen below with SACA's Andy Crawford) designed the artwork for the front of the T-shirts. All 150 signatures of the year group appear on the back.

We are wishing all our newest recruits continued good luck as they do their Leaving Cert exams.



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SACA Profile: Interview with Gavin Beattie (Class of 1991)

I met Gav at his Tiny Little Horse studio in Greystones which was cluttered with gig posters, album covers, pictures of his kids and skateboard designs, many of them less than favourable depictions of some of the not so great politicians of our time. In many ways, the studio is a microcosm of what's important in his life!

Gav spoke to me about his time in Andrew's, which he thinks finished in 1991. Unsurprisingly he speaks with a smile about his time in Mary West's art class which taught him that the primary purpose of art was creative, that it wasn't all about the points and in which he was introduced to screen printing which was the direction his professional life would take. He speaks about Gerry McCaughan in a similar vein. Gav was a bit shaky on Pythagorean theorem but he did remember that Gerry introduced him to the Pixies which was the start of a long love affair with punk and alternative music that saw him play in various punk bands around Dublin and got him into album cover and gig poster design. Looking around his studio you see and hear the Pixies, King Gizzard, Black Sabbath, Leatherface, Husker Du, Sonic Youth, Slayer, Hard Skin and Dinosaur Jr. Gav likes his music hard and loud. Very loud.



He also spoke fondly about Doc Frewin, Mr Duke's Austin Princess and English lessons with Conall Hamill who had a much appreciated dark sense of humour, something you'd probably be drawn to if, like Gav, you're an Everton fan. Like every generation of Andrew's English students including mine and my son's, Conall laid down the "I can identify any street in Dublin" challenge as he used to be a postman (anybody who's every caught him out, let us know and we'll ship you out a Video of arthouse classic "Diva" signed by Conall. Let us know if you've got a Betamax or VCR).

The Glen Baxter comics on the wall of Conall's English class are also a memory and an inspiration. Off the curriculum inspirational moments are a bit of an ongoing theme.

Similarly, non-uniform days may or may not have been opportunities to indulge one of Gav's other great passions, skateboarding. He may or may not have skated on the school drive ways, and he may or may not have skated down the corridors in the school.....

After not getting straight A's in his Leaving, Gav went to design college in Cork, went off to live and work in Australia before returning to work in a design studio in Ranelagh where he really learnt his trade. Six years ago he set up his own design and screen printing business, Tiny Little Horse, which is probably just as well as Gav can't work without loud alternative music.

His company works on projects and briefs as diverse as brochures, corporate identity, magazine covers, record covers, skate board designs, beer mats, brand posters, brand illustrations and recently the design of the interior of the new Sullivan's brewery taproom in Kilkenny – which is where we met as I was working on the branding and the launch plan.

Gav probably took a different route to where he got to in life than others but that reflects the diversity of styles and ways of living that in many ways make the college unique. Your life is never defined by your academic results but on the influences and choices you make as a person. Undoubtedly, Gav has taken the best of the experiences and what he learnt while at school and taken his own path to get to where he is, which is what many of the best of Andrew's former pupils have done!

Oh and if you need any screen printing or design work for yourself or your business, please give him a shout, he'd be delighted to hear from you and I'd highly recommend his work!



SACA Olympic Evening Funds Donated to Sports Department

Last November SACA Olympians came back to school and talked about their experiences taking part in Olympic Games over the years. From riding horses, hurtling down ice tunnels on a skeleton sledge, sailing, cycling, running, swimming and playing hockey - the stories were inspiring. As a result of this night SACA was delighted to donate €500 to Mr Ovington for the Sports Department. Here is Andy Crawford from SACA handing over the cheque to Ben Bradley and Sophia Carr (hockey), Harry McCarthy (rugby) and Mr Ovington.



Ms Sarah McCormack appointed Principal of the Junior School

The Board of Governors of St. Andrew's College is delighted announce that following an advertisement and interview process, Ms Sarah McCormack has been appointed Principal of the Junior School.

Sarah has worked in education for 13 years and holds a BA (Hons) Qualified to Teach Status (QTS) and a Masters in Education Leadership. Sarah taught for a number of years in the UK, in St. John & St. James Primary School and Holy Trinity Primary School, both in London. In addition, Sarah has taught in schools in Hong Kong, China and Italy and most recently was Founding Principal of a Primary School in Hong Kong.

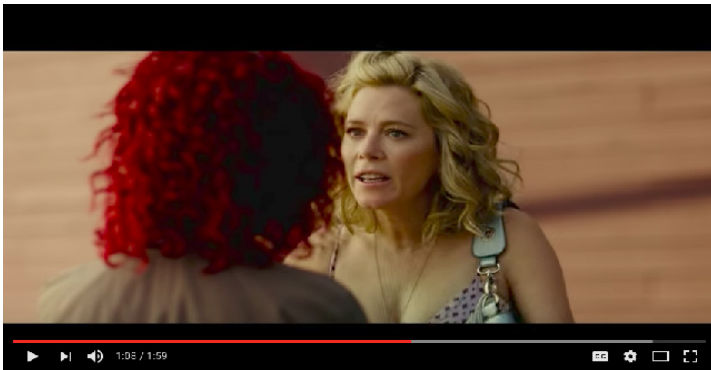
We wish Sarah every success in her new position!

SACA News

Juanita Wilson's New Film - "Tomato Red"

Former pupil Juanita Wilson is a noted writer and director and has previously been nominated for an Academy Award for her 2010 film, "The Door". Juanita's new film, "Tomato Red" was released in February and has been available for purchase since 1 May. Well done Juanita! Check out the trailer below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bO0p8Cym4VU>



Official Trailer: Tomato Red In Cinemas Now

Halaigh Whelan at the Munchies Festival

Halaigh Whelan-McManus from the Class of 2006 is working in 3 Michelin starred Maaemo Restaurant in Oslo. Here he is at work at the recent Munchies Festival in Denmark.

<https://www.facebook.com/munchies.danmark/videos/vb.1760022327551377/1983024431917831/?-type=2&theater>



Eve Hewson filming "Robin Hood"

Former pupil Eve Hewson has started filming her latest film, "Robin Hood", produced by Leonardo DiCaprio, in Croatia. Eve plays Maid Marian and the film will be out early 2018.



Sue Rynhart launches 2nd album - "Signals"

Sue Rynhart (Brady) from the Class of 96 released her second album, Signals, recently at the Fumbally Stables. Sue mixes classical, jazz and pop with an incredible vocal range. Well worth a listen. You can also read and listen to a recent interview with Sue from the Irish Times.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/people/sue-rynhart-i-m-happy-expressing-myself-and-being-heard-1.3064977>



SACA News

Annual TY Awards hosted by SACA

SACA hosted the Annual TY Awards lunch at the Talbot Hotel last month for TY students who were chosen by TY staff for the energy and effort they put into Transition Year. We separated into 3 groups who each took turns to present their favourite experiences from the following categories : 1. Learning experience 2. Charity involvement 3. Fun



TY "Walk in their Shoes" Sleepover

SACA is always pleased to support student-driven activities at the College and the TY "Walk in their Shoes" Sleepover that took place to raise awareness of, and funds for, homelessness is one of the most deserving causes we have helped with. Ninety students and twelve staff members slept out on a cold and blustery night. The students raised over €650 for Focus Ireland and Merchants Quay Ireland and SACA were thrilled to donate €200 to support them.



29th SAIMUN Conference

Over the Easter holidays the twenty-ninth SAIMUN Conference took place. How it's grown in the interim! This year between delegates, student officers and administration there were over 800 people in attendance from all corners of the globe with students from Malta taking part for the first time.

Congratulations to everyone involved.



SACA News

Lieutenant William F. MacHutchison

On 12 April, there was a rededication service at CWGC Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery in France for Lieutenant William F. MacHutchison, a past pupil who attended St Andrew's from 1902 to 1906.

The ceremony was held to recognise that Plot XIX, Row A, Grave 6 at Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery has now been identified as the final resting place of Lieutenant MacHutchison of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and his grave has now been marked accordingly.

Previously, Lieutenant MacHutchison was commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial as having no known grave. Lieutenant MacHutchison died between 27-29 March 1918, during the German Spring Offensive at a Field Ambulance Station in Lamotte-en-Santerre, France.

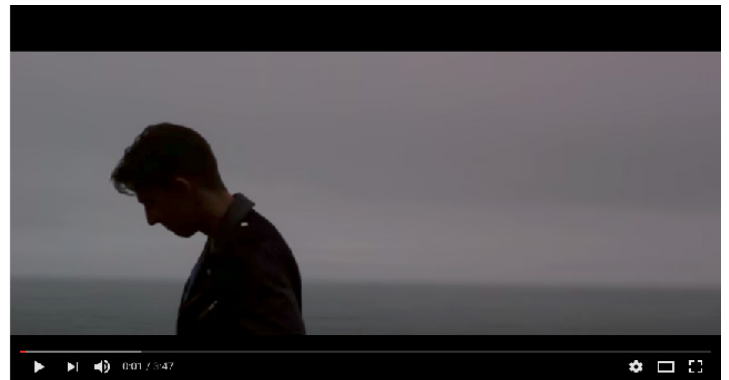
<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/the-story-of-a-missing-irish-soldier-1.3042630?mode=amp>



Irish Indie band - "Inhaler"

Inhaler are a band featuring Andrew's lads that are causing big waves on the underground scene. The 90's garage indie sound is getting fantastic airplay with the band featuring in a half hour radio special on 2XM and they also played the Button Factory this month.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMval7GR5IA>



SACA Sports News

Ireland Women's Cricket

St. Andrew's contribute yet another player to the Irish Senior Women's cricket team with Louise Little making her debut vs England in Abu Dhabi! The team also included St. Andrew's students Gaby Lewis, Shauna Kavanagh & Lucy O'Reilly.



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Ireland Men's Cricket

Former pupil Andy Balbirnie was selected for the historic Ireland vs England one day international at Lords, England, captained by Irishman Eoin Morgan. While off the field, former pupil Alan Lewis joined the Test Match Special crew in the commentary box.



Ireland Basketball

The good news stretches to Basketball and to Aran Lee from the Class of 2016 who is one of the seventeen players selected on the Ireland U20 squad training for the U20 European Championships this summer.

<http://www.basketballireland.ie/news-detail/10022544/>



School's Hockey

Following the announcement last autumn that Ben Walker was Herald Schools Sports Star of the Week, Ben was presented with his award at the Aviva Stadium. At the same event, it was announced that the St Andrew's Senior Boys' Hockey Team have been named Team of the Year following their hugely successful season winning the All-Irelands, the Leinster Schools' Senior League and Cup and the Whiteside Trophy. Well done to the team and coaches!



Cycling - Chris Juul Jensen

Nice piece in cycling magazine Rouleur about former pupil, professional cyclist and Olympian Chris Juul Jensen. Chris recently completed the Giro D'Italia, one of the 3 professional cycling grand tours.

<https://rouleur.cc/editor.../chris-juul-jensen-gruppetto-life/>



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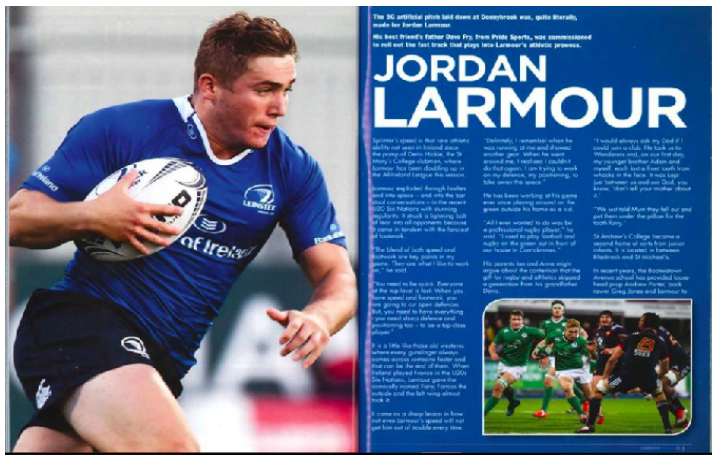
All Ireland League Rugby

Congrats to the captain of the 2014 SCT Greg Jones who won the Paddy Swan Salver for the first team Player of the Year in UCD RFC. Greg was one of the stars of the Ireland U20 World championship final team and was signed on an academy contract with Ulster Rugby.



Leinster Rugby - Jordan Larmour

Leinster fans may have noticed a big feature on last year's SCT skipper Jordan Larmour in one of the recent matchday programmes. The article talks about our rugby programme and calls out our contribution to Leinster both from a player and coaching perspective. Great to see and a credit to all involved!



Andrew Porters Continued Rise

Andrew Porter's rugby career continues to progress at a rapid rate. After a strong season for Leinster and making the switch to tighthead prop Andrew was then called up to the full Ireland squad for their tour of Japan and the U.S. Andrew was named in Ireland's first matchday squad of the tour against USA Eagles last Saturday. The Ireland squad also features former pupil Felix Jones as a member of the coaching staff. There has been numerous articles about Andrew Porter's progress which you can check out below. Current staff member, David Jones, is mentioned in a two of the articles as a strong influence on Andrew's growth as a player in his school days.

<http://www.the42.ie/andrew-porter-tighthead-leinster-prop-3362826-Apr2017/>

<http://www.rugbyworld.com/in-the-mag/hotshots/hotshot-leinster-prop-andrew-porter-77674>



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 26 June 2017
Ladies Union of Irish Schools
3 Person Team Stableford Competition

Edmondstown Golf Club
Application form available from the Headmistress,
Mrs Joan Kirby

Wednesday 13 September 2017
Start-up Business Event

Bank of Ireland, Grand Canal Square,
More information to follow

Friday 6 October 2017
SACA Annual Golf Outing

Edmondstown Golf Club
Tee times between 1:15pm and 2:45pm
More information to follow

Friday 13 October 2017
SACA Annual Dinner
More information to follow

Saturday 18 November 2017
Reunions for the Classes of 1997 and 2007
More information to follow